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HUSBAND TO FIGHT FOR HER

Declares He Will Devote His Days  
and Nights to Obtain His  
Wife's Freedom

Paris, March 19.—"I trembled each day as I opened the newspapers. My heart bled for my husband in the merciless campaign being waged against him and any woman would have done as I did."

With this statement, Mme. Caillaux, beautiful wife of the minister of finance, who has thrown the French republic into a political turmoil by slaying Gaston Calmette, editor of the *Figaro*, because he published letters written to her by her husband before marriage, calmly discussed the tragedy which has caused a crisis, wrecked the ambitions of her husband, who wanted to be president of France, and brought her from the position of one of the leaders in government social circles to a prison cell.

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FALLS DEAD SELECTING  
SITE FOR HIS GRAVE

Heart Failure Overtakes Man Making  
Burial Arrangements.

Grove City, Pa., March 19.—M. E. Vogan, 56 years old, of Erie, a former resident of Grove City, dropped dead in a few minutes after he had selected the site for his grave.

While Vogan lingered there several years ago his daughter died. Since then he returned from time to time to visit her grave.

He took John Ewing, a sexton, with him, and pointing out a space beside his daughter's grave, said:

"Ewing, I have a premonition that I am going to die, and I want you to bury me right there."

Vogan then left the cemetery, walked down the yard and fell dead of heart disease. He will be buried beside his daughter.

SCHOONER SINKS AND CREW  
DROWNS IN A COLLISION  
WITH BIG GERMAN LINER.

Dremen, March 19.—An unidentified three-masted schooner sank and the crew drowned in a collision last night in the North Sea with the liner Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, bound for America. The steamer remained in the vicinity for two hours, but could not discover a trace of the schooner's crew.

## BACK TO THE SOIL



## BITTER MAYORALTY FIGHT NEARING END

Four Candidates in Milwaukee  
Primary Next Tuesday

Milwaukee, Wis., March 19.—The bitterest political campaign in the history of Milwaukee is rapidly near an end. Only three days remain in which the aspirants for office may make their final appeals to the people who will select their candidates at the primary election to be held next Tuesday.

The great fight is for the mayoralty, and though the primary is only for the purpose of selecting the nominees it is believed that the results of the primary vote will indicate rather conclusively who is to be the next mayor.

The big point at issue in the mayoralty contest is whether the city shall continue under a non-partisan administration or return to the old Socialist regime. In 1909 the Socialist party was victorious in the municipal elections and elected Emil Seidel to the mayor's chair. It was the first time in the history of the country that any city of the size of Milwaukee had come under the control of the Socialists and in consequence the administration of Mayor Seidel was watched with close interest. Mayor Seidel, possibly because of conditions over which he had no control, failed to bring about any of the so-called reforms in municipal government that had been promised in his campaign for election.

His administration failed to please the majority of the people and at the expiration of his two-year term Seidel was defeated for re-election.

Seidel was succeeded in the mayoralty in 1912 by Gerard A. Rading, who was a candidate on a non-partisan ticket and elected on a platform that promised, first of all, efficiency and economy in the administration of the city affairs. Milwaukee has now had two years of non-partisan government and at the primaries next Tuesday the voters will decide whether they desire to continue it. Mayor Rading is a candidate for renomination and Emil Seidel, as the standard-bearer of the Socialist party, is again his principal opponent.

The supporters of Mayor Rading declare that the administration should be endorsed by an overwhelming vote of the people in favor of Rading's renomination. The claim is made that during the two years of non-partisan administration the city taxes have been decreased materially despite the fact that more street and other improvements have been made than during any previous administration. It is further claimed that the public finances are now on a sounder basis than ever before in the history of the city.

But despite these assertions in its behalf the present administration, every member of which is seeking re-election, faces formidable opposition. As already pointed out this opposition comes principally from the Socialist element. Seidel is held up as the candidate of the masses, while Rading is

## TERRIFIC STORM USHERS IN NAME DAY OF POPE.

Rome, March 19.—This is a salute for my name day," exclaimed Pope Pius when he was awakened early today by a terrific storm, accompanied by lightning and thunder. His Holiness shortly afterward celebrated mass in the presence of several specially invited guests, including his sisters and nieces.

All the corps of guards celebrated the occasion in some way. Hundreds of telegrams and addresses of congratulation were received at the Vatican from all parts of the world, many from the United States. The pope himself dictated replies.

## INDIANA DEMOCRATS PAY HIGH TRIBUTE TO WILSON

Indianapolis, Ind., March 19.—After an all night session the resolutions committee of the state Democratic convention adopted a platform, including a plank favoring a statewide primary law. The vote on this plank was seven to six. Chairman Bell, of the committee, said that only one of the thirteen members favored the primary plank, but that it was adopted so as not to reflect on the policies of President Wilson. The primary plank adopted by the committee declares for a statewide primary nomination of all officers, but saves the state convention for "council, organization and declaration of principles."

The platform adopted by the convention today pays a high tribute to the national administration, and favors a statewide primary.

No Opposition to Shively.

Candidates for every office, except governor, will be named by the convention today. United States Senator Shively will have no opposition for renomination, according to party leaders.

## WARRANTS OUT FOR ARREST OF NOTED ULSTER UNIONISTS.

London, March 19.—The Globe says warrants have been signed for the arrest of Sir Edward Carson and other leaders of the Ulster unionists.

Report is Officially Denied.

London, March 19.—It is officially denied that warrants have been signed for the arrest of Carson and other Ulster leaders.

Carson and Devlin Clash.

London, March 19.—When Sir Edward Carson and Joseph Devlin, the Nationalist member of Belfast, entered the House today, the atmosphere became heated. Carson called Devlin a liar when the latter declared the Ulster leader was at one time a home ruler.

The speaker suggested a modification of his language, and Carson substituted for it a "statement of wilful falsehood." Shouts of protest and cheers in support of both members filled the chamber.

## MRS. WILSON IS RECOVERING.

Washington, March 19.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is well on the road to complete recovery from the effects of a fall on a White House floor. She underwent a slight operation to correct the effects of a bruise which is said to be entirely local.

## NIGHT HOTEL CLERK IN DETROIT HELD UP

Armed Robber Gets \$350—May  
Be One Who Worked in Chicago

Detroit, Mich., March 19.—An armed robber held up Night Clerk Burns in the office of the Hotel Metropolitan, near the city hall, and compelled the clerk to hand over \$350 in cash. Then he leaped into a waiting automobile, pressed a revolver to the head of the driver and ordered him to speed to the suburbs where he left the machine. He told the driver, "I just missed a \$5,000 job in Chicago and this will help make up for it."

Chauffeur Smith picked the passenger up at the Hotel Cadillac, where the man was registered, and he was told to drive him to the Metropole.

Chicago Robber May Be Same.

Chicago, March 19.—The robber who held up Night Clerk Burns in a Detroit hotel may be the same who early Wednesday shot and wound the assistant manager of the Briggs House and escaped with \$150 in cash, mistaking \$3,000 a clerk was about to hand him.

## KILL 25,000 BIRDS AT SHOOT.

More Than 10,000 Devon Farmers Try  
to Exterminate Pigeons.

London, March 19.—An estimated day's take of 25,000 birds has resulted from the "pigeon shoot" organized by the Devon Farmers' union. The "shoot" was one of the most extensive ever held, and between 15,000 and 20,000 game took part.

The plan of campaign was to post a few guns in every available patch of covert in the county, and thus secure that the entire body of pigeons should be kept continually on the wing. The shoot was thus actually an immense series of small attacks.

The pigeons, two varieties of which—the ordinary wood pigeon and the blue rock—are met with, have become a serious pest in Devon. They eat the young clover and attack the turnip and grape crops. In some fields not a blade of green has been left on the turnips.

## JEROME GETS \$25,000 IN BATTLE FOR THAW.

New York spends Big Sum for Attorney's Services.

Albany, N. Y., March 19.—The expense bill approved by Attorney General Carmody, in connection with the state's efforts to get Harry K. Thaw back to Matteawan, includes the following fees to lawyers: William T. Jerome, \$25,000; Bernard Jacobs, Lancaster, N. H., \$5,000; Jacobs, Hall, Conner & Fitch, Montreal, \$5,000; Hector Verret, Coteau, \$1,500; Case Casgrain, Montreal, \$1,000; Jacob Nichol, Sherbrooke, \$900. The fees of Mr. Jerome and Mr. Jacobs cover "not only past services rendered, but also any future services in reference to this case."

## TWO KILLED IN MINE.

Buxton, Iowa, March 19.—Two men were killed and much property damaged by a dust explosion in mine No. 12, near here.

## RETRACTION OF CHARGE MADE BY SEN. JONES

Admits He Misinterpreted Wil-  
son's Motive in Asking Repeal  
of Tolls Exemption

CALLS ON PRESIDENT TODAY

Burnett Bill, Containing the Lit-  
eracy Test, Is Favorably Re-  
ported to the Senate

Washington, March 19.—Senator Jones called on the president today to discuss the literacy bill and was told he was "skating on thin ice" in his speech yesterday in which he intimated the president had not decided to read a message to Congress on Panama tolls until after Lomax Carden, the British minister to Mexico, visited the white house. Jones returned to the capitol and gave the Senate the president's unqualified denial.

"I think I misunderstood in that I did not draw the conclusions myself, but took them from the newspapers. It is only fair to the president that I make this statement, as I don't want to misrepresent anybody."

The Senate lobby committee will investigate charges that an organized lobby is working to defeat the Hughes bill to regulate shipments of convict labor.

The Burnett immigration bill, containing the literacy test, was favorably reported to the Senate today.

## PROFESSOR IS CHARGED WITH BRUTAL TREATMENT.

Mrs. Rosalie Hooker Welling Seeks  
Divorce From Husband.

Hartford, Conn., March 19.—Application for a divorce was made to the superior court today by Mrs. Rosalie Hooker Welling, daughter of state Senator Edward W. Hooker of this city. Her husband is Prof. William C. Welling, a member of the faculty of Trinity college.

On the general ground of intolerable cruelty, Mrs. Welling charges specifically that her husband stuck a pin in her back, pushed her into a gutter, threw a book, a sofa leg and a clock at her, threatened her with a revolver and a carving knife, and said he hoped his actions would cause the death of her father.

Many other alleged acts of cruelty and abusive treatment are set forth and Mrs. Welling says that she had to seek protection from her husband's violence.

Prof. Welling enters a complete denial to the allegations.

## BRYAN IS 54 TODAY.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—William J. Bryan added another year to his age today, having been born March 19, 1860. Many men prominent in public life called at the office of the Secretary of State during the day to offer their congratulations, while from all parts of the country a countless number of letters and messages poured in from personal friends and admirers of Mr. Bryan who were unable to extend their greetings in person.

## BANQUET IN BRYAN'S HOME TOWN.

Lincoln, Neb., March 19.—Democrats of national and state prominence will meet here tonight at a banquet in honor of the fifty-fourth birthday of Secretary Bryan. Bryan will not attend.

## SEARCH FOR \$6,000,000.

Frisco U. S. Officers Seek Bogus Stock  
Sale Receipts.

San Francisco, Cal., March 19.—Acting on information from New York, the United States district attorney's office here began a search in San Francisco for a part of the \$6,000,000 said to have been obtained from the sale of bogus stocks by Archie L. Warner and John J. Meyer, convicted in New York last week of using the mails to defraud and sentenced to six years' imprisonment and fined \$150,000. The New York officials say they have proof that Meyer, who formerly was a mining engineer, with offices in this city, secreted a large part of the money fraudulently obtained.

## ARRAIGNS THE "WOEFUL JEREMIAH OF CALAMITY."

Washington, March 19.—In his maiden speech in the House, Rep. Vollmer, Democrat of Iowa, arraigned the "woeful Jeremiah of calamity," and pictured the agricultural prosperity of the country. "I shall ask you," said he, "to let go of the pipe, come out of the land of dismal dreams and back to serious sober facts."

## FIRE STARTED BY CONVICTS.

Granite, Okla., March 19.—Fire, believed to have been kindled by prisoners, destroyed the temporary buildings in which five hundred inmates of the Oklahoma reformatory were housed. No lives were lost.

## TAKEN ALIVE FROM RUINS; BURIED FOR OVER 37 HOURS; DIES.

St. Louis, March 19.—Thirty-seven and a half hours after he was buried beneath tons of debris, Thomas Burke was taken from the ruins of the St. Louis Seed company's building alive this morning. Burke was in a weakened condition and was taken to a hospital, Burke died later.

The seed building was demolished when a portion of the seven-story wall of the burned Missouri club toppled on it Tuesday.

Six dead have been recovered from the seed building ruins. Thirty lives were lost in the Missouri club fire.

## \$200,000 BLAZE IN MILWAUKEE

Hotel Guests Flee in Night At-  
tire—Newspaper Damaged

Milwaukee, Wis., March 19.—Two score guests of the Windsor hotel fled panic-stricken in night attire early today when fire broke out in the plant of the Western Newspaper Union, located in the south portion of a four-story structure and damaged the adjoining properties. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

The Evening Wisconsin building, adjoining the hotel, was considerably damaged by smoke and water, and the press rooms are under several feet of water.

The barking of a small dog, and the shout of "fire" emanating from the hotel guests awakened by crackling window panes, attracted a policeman and the proprietor who together ran to the fourth floor, beating on doors and smashing them where there was no response.

"Hell could be no worse than that place," said Patrolman Wilke, after emerging from his mission.

"I pounded on a few doors. I smashed in one and a sheet of flame jumped into my face. The mattresses and beds were burning. I tried another and met with the same thing. The guests evidently awakened and managed to get out. I don't believe anybody was on the fourth floor."

The Evening Wisconsin's electrotyping department was put out of commission by the fire and the paper will be issued in the plant of one or morning dailies.

## STRIKE INVESTIGATORS TO HOLD SESSION TOMORROW

Washington, March 19.—The committees which investigated the Colorado and Michigan strike troubles will meet tomorrow, and the question of investigating the connection of Rockefeller with the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, and plans for investigating the looks of that company and the Calumet & Hecla Mining company will be considered.

Members of the committee investigating the Michigan copper strike have decided to have John Mitchell, former vice president of the American Federation of Labor, testify regarding his investigation for the federation and also the National Civic federation of the conditions in the strike district. Mitchell will appear here next week.

## RULES AGAINST INDIANS.

Aberigines Claim Filled-In Land at  
Chicago.

Chicago, March 19.—Holding that the title of Indians to the submerged lands of Lake Michigan never had been recognized and further that what rights they had were relinquished when the aborigines voluntarily left the land, Federal Judge Carpenter today ruled adversely to Indian claims on filed in land along the lake front in Chicago. Counsel for the Indians said that an appeal would be taken.

## SCIENTIST LOSES HIS LIFE.

Naples, March 19.—Professor Giuseppe Mercalli, director of the observatory on Mount Vesuvius, was burned to death in his bedroom. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## SUIT AGAINST BALL PLAYER.

Chicago, March 19.—The Federal league's injunction suit against Catcher Killifer of the Philadelphia Nationals probably will be filed in Grand Rapids, Michigan, tomorrow.

## HEARINGS IN CEREAL CASES.

Chicago, March 19.—The hearings in the government anti-trust suit against the Quaker Oats company and the Great Western Cereal company were begun today.

## ENGLISH AVIATOR IS KILLED.

Salisbury, England, March 19.—Lieutenant Trosby, of the British army, was killed when his aeroplane fell to the earth, 250 feet today.

## MUCH DEPENDS ON RESULT OF TORREON FIGHT

May Prove Turning Point in Pres-  
tige and Strength of Con-  
tending Forces

CLASH IS EXPECTED TODAY

Simultaneous Attack on Torreon  
and Mazatlan Is Planned  
by the Rebels

Juarez, March 19.—A simultaneous attack on Torreon and Mazatlan is predicted today, according to advices received here. It is said while Villa's rebel army is moving against Torreon, the forces under General Obregon, numbering 12,000 would assault the Pacific coast port. This is said to be part of the general plan for an aggressive movement against all the federal forces in northern Mexico.

The fall of Mazatlan would mean the virtual control of the west coast district, while Torreon is the railroad center of central Mexico. Its capture would threaten the capital of the country.

## Much Interest in Battle.

Washington, March 19.—While no official word has come to the white house of the reported purpose of Huerta to reopen parleys by sending his minister of foreign affairs to Vera Cruz to confer with John Lind, administration officials have indicated a willingness to listen to any new proposals for a peaceful settlement. They seemed to attach much importance to the impending battle at Torreon, which is expected to mark a critical turn in the strength and prestige of the contending forces. Washington has been firmly opposed, not only to the recognition of Huerta but to any successor of his choosing, and the rebels have announced their unwillingness to compromise with Huerta. Should the Constitutionalists be defeated at Torreon, it is possible the whole situation would be changed and a compromise candidate, acceptable to Washington, could be agreed upon.

## Censorship Is Maintained.

Juarez, March 19.—The censorship on news from the interior, below this point, remained firm today. Indirect information indicated there had been no fighting of consequence in the last few days.

## Benton Stabbed, Not Shot.

Washington, March 19.—The facts of the killing of William S. Benton, the British rancher, as they will be set forth in an official report have become known here.

Benton went to Juarez to get Villa's permission to bring some of his cattle out of Chihuahua for sale in Texas. What had not been known heretofore, however, is the fact that Benton sought to make it worth while for the rebel chieftain to let him get his cattle out, offering in return for this permission to see that Villa got a certain amount of arms and ammunition.

This proposal, it is now said, was favorably received by Villa. Discussion of the precise terms, however, led to a quarrel, which ended in Benton being killed, not by a revolver, as previously reported, but by stabbing. The Britisher was attacked with knives by those in Villa's office and not a shot was fired. He was stabbed in many places and his body was mutilated. Whether Villa personally aided in the stabbing is not definitely known.

## Body Buried in Juarez.

The body of Benton was buried in Juarez and is still there according to this official information. No steps have yet been taken to recover the body, however, because it is felt that the long period which has elapsed since its interment would make its examination a ghastly task which would contribute no information regarding the state of the body at the time of burial.

It is understood this information will soon be placed at the disposal of the governments of the United States and Great Britain. The British it marks the end of the investigation into the Benton case, so far as they are concerned. The British agent, Charles Percival, has completed his task and will soon return to his regular post at Calcutta.

For the state department, however, the situation is slightly different as Secretary Bryan is waiting for the report on the Benton case promised by

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## THE WEATHER.

Generally fair to-  
night and Friday.  
Rising tempera-  
ture Friday.

